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AHO et al.- ROC920010145US1

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We enclose herewith the application of AHO et al. for Letters Patent for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING ONGOING SYSTEM INTEGRITY OF A SOFTWARE PRODUCT USING DIGITAL SIGNATURES (Case ROC920010145US1), including the specification, a set of 20 claims and one copy of the drawings (9 sheets). Also enclosed is the Declaration with Power of Attorney and an Assignment to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement together with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each of the listed documents.

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